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significantly less? It doesn't make any sense. This is the classic example of negative or disincentives to accomplish what we want to do. So I want to...I won't take a lot of time this morning to talk about this. This is a start. We need to enhance this bill as time goes on and that we all need to take part in this, not just the private sector, the foundations, but I believe the state of Nebraska. We have other loan programs to encourage people to do certain things. This is a place where we might want to look, as well. Thank you for your time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Senator Raikes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I just wanted to comment on Senator Price's amendment. I think this is a good amendment. It clarifies some important things and so I would urge your support. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Senator Dwite Pedersen. Is Senator Dwite Pedersen on the floor? I do not see Senator Pedersen. Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD: Mr. President and members of the body, my daughter is the assistant administrator of the hospital in Gothenburg, and has always been a struggle to find nurses to fill those positions, and I think we don't realize where those nurses come from. They come from our local colleges. Several years ago my stepdaughter graduated from the nursing program in Kearney and I attended that graduation. I couldn't believe there were only about 32 or 33 graduates of the nursing program in Kearney. And I happened to sit by Gladys Stiles Johnston at that point and I says, how come there are no more students than this? And she said, we don't have the faculty or the facilities to educate more than a few over 30 students each year. And I was totally amazed and thought, gee whiz, how are we going to solve the nursing shortage if we don't have the teachers and the colleges behind this to produce more nursing...in the nursing profession? So I commend Senator Price for coming up with a way that hopefully will move those students, those colleges, into the nursing profession, but also to move them up into teaching professions. So I commend Senator Price for this, I hope it works, and I am supportive. Thank you.